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## NO NEW BATTLES

Russians Deny That They Have Abandoned Port Arthur.

The Governor There Hurt in Bombardment—The War News Today Is Mostly Rumors.

JAPS FLOAT A WAR LOAN

Moscow, March 14.—It is learned that the reason the Vladivostok forts did not reply to the shelling of the Japanese vessels March 6, was that the officials at St. Petersburg had supplied them with shells whose diameter was two millimeters too large for the guns of the fort.

As a result the forts were reduced to a state bordering on impotence.

Had the Japanese sailed into the harbor it could undoubtedly have taken the town without serious trouble.

NINETY RUSSIANS KILLED.

Rome, March 14.—A telegram from St. Petersburg says that the Russians lost ninety seamen killed, and 49 captured, in the fight between the Russian and Japanese torpedo boats off Port Arthur last Thursday.

RUSSIA SHOWS APPRECIATION.

London, March 14.—A Tokio dispatch says that kind treatment of the Russian wounded at Chemulpo was so appreciated by the Russian government that it has contributed two thousand yen to the Japanese Red Cross, through the French minister at Seoul.

A DISCREDITED REPORT.

London, March 14.—The Wei Hui Wei correspondent of the Reuter telegram company sends a report that the Japanese there have heard a rumor that Port Arthur has been captured. The report has not been confirmed, and is in all probability from Shanghai and Tien Tsin.

NO EVACUATION.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—A telegram has been received at headquarters here stating that the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged and reports that a Russian evacuation of the fortifications there is entirely unfounded.

THE REPORT DENIED.

Port Arthur, March 14.—Via Tien Tsin: The report that this port is occupied by Japanese is untrue.

YALU SACKED.

Kobe, March 14.—The Russians are retiring from Korea and recrossing the Yalu into Manchuria. It is reported that Wiju has been sacked and burned by the retreating Russians. The district south of the Yalu is now practically clear of Russians.

JAPS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN ANTUNG.

Berlin, March 14.—The Koelnische Zeitung states that the Japanese have landed at Tatungko defeated the Russians and occupied Antung and Kin Tien Tschan. If this is true it means that the Russian position at the north of the Yalu has been turned and the Russians will be compelled to fall back towards Mukden. There has been no confirmation of the report received by the German war office.

MANCHURIA CONFUSED.

Peking, March 14.—Private Chinese reports that are being received here state that the whole of Manchuria is in a state of utter confusion owing to the Russians having seized all food supplies and other commissariat necessities. The natives are streaming south toward the ports and are suffering great hardships. The late military governor at Kirin has committed suicide owing to his inability to relieve the people's distress or stop the Russian depredations.

DAINY REPORTED DAMAGED.

Tokio, March 14.—Private telegrams received at Tokio state that during the latest attack on Port Arthur two Russian torpedo boat destroyers were sunk and great damage was done

## THAT BIG CLAIM

Attorney T. L. Crice Goes East to Investigate it.

The Starr Family Take the First Steps Towards Investigating Their Claim.

\$50,000,000 IS INVOLVED

Attorney T. L. Crice, of Bloomfield & Crice, left yesterday for Baltimore and Washington on an important mission. He is to investigate the claim the Starr family has to about \$50,000,000 worth of property in the heart of Baltimore, which is alleged to have been leased 99 years ago, and now that the lease has expired reverts back to the descendants of the original owners.

There are comparatively few of the Starr families in the county, and they are all likely kin. The first Starr who came to America on the Mayflower, and the family first lived in New Jersey. All the others sprang from it.

In later years they scattered to different parts of the country. Mr. Starr's great grandfather lived in New Jersey. There seems to be a number of these 99 year leases, given probably before the time of even the great grandfathers of many of the present generation, and as the leases expire descendants of the original owners are coming forth to claim the property worth many million dollars.

"Baldy Watkins," formerly a well known barber here, claims about \$100,000,000 worth of property in the heart of Philadelphia or Baltimore, and left about a year ago for that place to get possession of it, if possible. He is still there, and says that his chances are considered so good by the attorneys that they are advancing him all the money he needs on the strength of his claim. He says that some of the present holders of the property are so much wrought up over his claim that attempts have been made to assassinate him, and he is afraid to go about.

There are a number of Starrs over in Illinois, and recently a family reunion was held at Red Bud, at which it was decided to make a fight for the vast property in question. It is not known what steps they have taken, but Mr. Joe Starr, of Paducah, has taken time by the forelock, and employed an attorney to make a thorough investigation of the case, and when Attorney Crice comes back he will be in a position to advise Mr. Starr whether his claims for the vast property are worth contesting.

Mr. Starr's many friends in Paducah will await with interest the outcome and would like to see him get the property.

to the docks, forts and arsenals, including an explosion of a powder magazine. Dalny is reported to have been almost destroyed.

JAP LOAN A SUCCESS.

Tokio, March 14.—The domestic war loan issued in Japan has proved an enormous success, and the loan has been subscribed more than four times over. The time expired on Friday, when subscriptions were still being received.

The result of the loan has been an agreeable surprise to the government, and it proves Japan within herself has financial resources of greater extent than was anticipated.

The total amount subscribed was 450,000,000 yen, about \$225,000,000, and the amount asked for was 100,000,000 yen, about \$50,000,000.

PORT ARTHUR GOVERNOR HURT

Tien Tsin, March 14.—A Russian refugee who has arrived here says that Colonel Vershinin, governor of Port Arthur, was slightly wounded during last bombardment.

REVOLT AGAINST RUSSIA.

Berlin, March 14.—It is reported here that open revolt against Russian

## WAS IT MURDER?

Track Foreman Finds Foot Prints and a New Vest.

Pockets Turned Wrong Side Out—Someone May Have Been Robbed.

BACKWATER ALL AROUND SPOT

Mr. Joe Crahen, general track foreman of the local I. C., thinks that some one met with foul play Saturday night in the hollow near the I. C. Union passenger depot here and has a vest which may prove something, when developments are reported.

Mr. Crahen was coming from the I. C. shops to the depot yesterday morning about 8 o'clock walking along the tracks when he saw something appearing to be a coat or vest lying down in the hollow. He went down the embankment and picked the article up. It proved to be a new vest all spattered with mud with the pockets turned inside out. There were many foot prints about, as if some one had been skulking.

Mr. Crahen took the vest to Officer Dick Tolbert, the day watchman at the I. C. shops, and Mr. Tolbert has it in his possession now. Mr. Crahen's theory is that some one was knocked in the head, robbed and the body thrown into the back water, which now covers a great portion of the hollow. The clothes taken off the body with the exception of the vest, may have been confiscated by the robbers and the body thrown into the water.

## TREATY ABROGATED

SULTAN OF SULU MUST GIVE UP UNCLE SAM OR HIS WIVES.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The treaty between the United States and the Sultan of Sulu, whereby the Sultan and Dattoes under him were allowed to continue the practice of polygamy has been abrogated. A telegram from the Secretary of War, Gov. Taft, to Governor Wright, of the Philippines, announcing the abrogation was made public today.

## INTO THE WELL

MISS IOY MATTHEWS MURDERED AND HER BODY MADE WAY WITH.

Ripley, Ohio, March 14.—Miss Ioy Matthews was called from the home of John Beasley, Saturday night by a former lover, Joseph Kelsch. She did not return, and the body was found in a well on a farm nearby today. Kelsch has disappeared.

## PENALTY PAID

NEW YORK MURDERER ELECTROCUTED THIS MORNING.

Sing Sing, N. Y., March 14.—Thomas Tobin, slayer of Captain Craft at the Empire hotel, New York, two years ago, was electrocuted this morning. The execution was the most successful ever held here. After the killing of Craft, Tobin attempted to burn his head in a furnace.

HOLLIER WAIVED EXAMINATION

W. H. Hollier, of Hickman, who is charged with illicit whiskey selling, waived examination this morning before Commissioner Armour Gardner and was held over to the federal grand jury under a \$500 bond which he failed to give.

authority has occurred at Batoum, in Caucasus. A mob led by revolutionary Socialists, repulsed the police and forced the governor to seek protection in the military fortifications outside the town. Six ringleaders were captured summarily condemned by martial law to be hanged.

## BROKE INTO TWO

Gilbert's Drug Store and Bulger's Saloon Burglarized.

Hardware Taken At One and Some Change and Whiskey Taken at the Saloon.

THE POLICE HAVE NO CLUE

Last night the drug store of Dr. Jesse Gilbert, one of the fire and police commissioners, at the south end of Island creek bridge, was broken into and a lot of knives and razors and a silver dollar taken.

Entrance was effected through a rear door, which seemed to have been prized open. Dr. Gilbert closed early and the robbery was committed some time after 10 o'clock last night. Other small articles were missed and Dr. Gilbert has not been able to exactly estimate his loss.

The saloon of Messrs. John Bulger and George Lenley, at the north end of the Island creek bridge, was broken into last night and a ladies' gold watch, some whiskey, cigars and tobacco taken. A \$2.25 and five silver five cent pieces were secured from the cash drawer.

The burglars got in through the rear of the saloon and it is thought are the same persons who broke into the Gilbert drug store. The watch was valuable but the cigars, tobacco and whiskey taken will amount to only a few dollars.

Both robberies were reported to the police, who are working on the case.

## WILL LECTURE

FREDERICK WARDE WILL ABANDON THE STAGE AFTER NEXT SEASON.

Memphis, Tenn., March 14.—Frederick Warde, the foremost Shakespearean actor in America, will after the season ending 1905 abandon the stage, and go to the lecture platform. He has signed a contract with a well known local bureau extending over three years and will lecture on Shakespeare.

## RETURN DATE

WINTER FOOLS NATIVES OF THE WINDY CITY—FIVE INCHES OF SNOW.

Chicago, March 14.—Winter returned suddenly last night, and this morning five inches of snow had fallen in the residence districts. The storm has interfered with street car traffic all over the city.

## SOLDIERS GONE

AND GRAND JURY TAKES UP THE WORK.

Springfield, Ohio, March 14.—Springfield is now without military guards. The last company left Sunday. The Grand Jury is now in session, and began an investigation of the mob violence during the week.

Capt. Douglas Jones and wife, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., are in the city on a brief visit.

## THE MARKETS.

WHAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Wheat	97	95	96 1/2
May	97	95	96 1/2
July	97	95	96 1/2
Corn	54 1/2	53 1/2	54
May	54 1/2	53 1/2	54
July	54 1/2	53 1/2	54
Oats	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
May	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
July	41 1/2	41	41 1/2
Cotton	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
Mar.	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
May	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
July	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
Aug.	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
Oct.	16 3/4	15 1/2	16 1/2
Stocks	120 1/2	120	120 1/2
I. C.	102 1/2	102	102 1/2
L. & N.	88 1/2	88	88 1/2
Mo. P.	11	10 1/2	11
U. S.	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
U. S. F.	55 1/2	55	55 1/2

## BEGINS TOUR

Mr. C. C. Rose Making Semi-Annual Insurance Inspection.

Will Work the North Side of the City First—Premises Should be Clean.

TO AVOID INDIVIDUAL RAISE.

This morning Mr. C. C. Rose, the insurance commissioner, started out on his regular semi-monthly inspection tour and is working the North side first.

Mr. Rose started out the New Richmond Hotel this morning and will work straight out, finishing Broadway and side streets to Jefferson first. He will then take Jefferson street with side streets to Monroe and soon until he has inspected every mercantile house in the north side. The South side will then be worked in this way and Mr. Rose intends to finish his inspection within the next few weeks.

Mr. Rose forwards his inspection report to headquarters and if the condition of the buildings is not what it should be, and if at any subsequent inspection it is found the proprietors have not followed out the orders of the commissioners, a raise of individual rates will result.

When Mr. Rose starts out on his inspection trip there is a general cleaning up in the mercantile district and the buildings are put in the best condition possible, all debris and trash being removed from the ware rooms and attics and from the yards.

## SOME TOO LARGE

And Judge Lightfoot Authorizes Reapportionment.

Committee Appointed to Re-District the Magisterial Districts in County.

WORK BEGINS NEXT FRIDAY.

County Judge R. T. Lightfoot this morning in county court appointed Justice M. B. Tapp, Mr. J. J. Sanderson and Attorney D. A. Cross commissioners to re-district the magisterial districts and the voting precincts of the county, and by agreement the commissioners will meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the county court house to begin work.

This action was the result, it is alleged, of two precincts, Kilpatrick's and Rogers', having more than the limit of voters. Both these two precincts had 700 voters at the last election and the limit is 350. The south side court house also had more than the limit and there are other precincts with more than three hundred and fifty registered voters, it was said at the court house.

Much complaint had been made of late by residents of the county who had to walk several miles to their voting precincts, and Attorney Cross, who is interested in the city precincts, moved this morning that the Rogers and Kilpatrick precincts be rearranged and as there had been similar complaint lodged from other precincts Judge Lightfoot decided to redistrict all the precincts and magisterial districts that are entitled to it, and the work will begin at once.

POULTRY AND EGGS.

Cincinnati, March 14.—Eggs 17, butter 26 1-2, springers 13 1-2, hens 11 1-2, roosters 6.

Mrs. Sina Stubblefield, of California, arrived today at noon to visit Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Winston.

## A BIG BANQUET

Mr. L. L. Bebout Will Speak at Louisville Friday.

Red Men to Entertain There—Other Secret Order News

MACCABEE OFFICER HERE

The Red Men of Kentucky will give a big banquet at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Friday evening, March 18th, and Mr. L. L. Bebout, of Paducah, who is great junior sagamore of the state, will be one of the speakers.

The banquet will be in honor of Hon. Thomas G. Harrison, of Indianapolis, Great Inchoance of the Great Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men. Covers will be laid for the entire seating capacity of the hotel. There will be music and flower decorations.

The Hoo Hoo will hold a concertation here next Saturday evening at Elks hall, and about a dozen "Ritens" will be initiated into the mysteries. The ceremonies will begin at 9 p. m., and there will be a number of high officials present at the ceremonies. Nearly all of the new members will be from Paducah, but there will be a few other places. This will be the first concertation held here in sometime, and it is expected it will be a good one. A banquet at the Palmer will follow the degree work.

Dr. Emma Baldwin, of Louisville, will arrive today to hold a special school of instruction for Maccabees. She is state commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, and will be entertained this evening by Mrs. T. L. Reeder on North Twelfth street.

The Paducah Carnival executive committee will this evening hold a meeting at Hotel Lagomarsino for the purpose of appointing sub-committees to assist in the work of the carnival.

The uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will hold a meeting this evening at its hall for drilling. The rank promises to be greatly increased during the spring and summer.

## HOBOS ARE HERE

They Continue to Come in on Every Train.

Chief Collins Thinks They Commit Petty Robberies and Has Ordered All Arrested.

MANY ORDERED TO LEAVE.

The city is being overrun with tramps, and notwithstanding the concentrated efforts of the police they still come, and as far as they come, they are run out of town and new ones turn up to keep the police busy. "Arrest them all," Chief Collins today ordered "and those we don't keep to work on the streets we will run out of town as fast as they come." Chief Collins thinks that the few late petty robberies are the work of tramps, and intends to stop it before anything more serious happens.

## A BIG STRIKE

13,000 ARTIZANS GO OUT AT BUDAPEST.

Budapest, Hungary, March 14.—What may be the beginning of a big general strike occurred today when eight thousand tailors and five thousand metal workers went out.